



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q62474

Carlos PEDRIDO, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/745,414

Group Art Unit: 1731

Confirmation No.: 9890

Examiner: John M. HOFFMAN

Filed: December 26, 2000

For: PREFORM INLET ARRANGEMENT FOR AN OPTICAL FIBER DRAWING  
FURNACE, A FURNACE PROVIDED WITH THAT KIND OF INLET  
ARRANGEMENT, AND A PREFORM EQUIPPED TO CO-OPERATE WITH THAT  
INLET ARRANGEMENT

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of  
three month(s), extending the time for responding to the Office Action of March 12, 2003 to  
September 12, 2003.

A check for the statutory fee of \$820.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and  
authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to  
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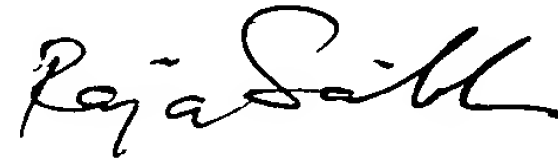
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Respectfully submitted,



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